



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Tuesday, June 25, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Boards and Commissions Room, City Hall
301 W. Second Street
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dawn Lewis, Chair; Romteen Farasat, Vice Chair; Richard DePalma; Nina Rinaldi; Anna L. Di Carlo; Kate Mason-Murphy; Tom Donovan; Fred Morgan; Francoise Luca

Board Members Absent:

Kim Taylor
Laura Cottam Sajbel

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of May 28, 2019.

Board Member Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Farasat seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8-0 with Board Member Luca off the dais, and Board Members Taylor and Cottam Sajbel absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Rene Hernandez addressed the board regarding park amenity improvements at Kendra Page Neighborhood Park.

Kevin Reinis addressed the board regarding the Austin Rowing Club's summer programs.

D. BRIEFINGS

2. Austin Parks Board Foundation Presentation

Presenter was unable to attend due to illness.

E. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

3. Select members to serve as chair of the Contracts and Concessions Committee and chair of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee.

Chair Lewis nominated Board Member Morgan to serve as chair of the Land, Facilities, and Programs Committee. Board Member Morgan accepted the nomination. Vice Chair Farasat seconded the nomination. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0, with Board Member Luca off the dais, and Board Members Taylor and Cottam Sajbel absent.

Chair Lewis made a motion to postpone the nomination of the chair to the Contracts and Concessions Committee until the next regular meeting of the Board. Board Member Mason-Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0, with Board Member Luca off the dais, and Board Members Taylor and Cottam Sajbel absent.

4. Make a recommendation to City Council to adopt the Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park Master Plan.

Citizen Communication: Andrew Myers and Mary Arnold spoke against the item. Sally Velasquez spoke in favor of the item.

Board Member Rinaldi made a motion to recommend to City Council the adoption of the Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park Master Plan. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0, with Board Members Taylor and Cottam Sajbel absent.

5. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the superiority of the Austin Green Planned Unit Development and Municipal Utility District as it pertains to parkland.

Citizen Communication: Rebecca Leonard and Steven Spears spoke in favor of the item.

Board Member Morgan made a motion to take no action on the item. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0, with Board Members Mason-Murphy and Donovan off the dais, and Board Members Taylor and Cottam Sajbel absent.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding creating a working group to explore alternative revenue ideas.

Board Member Rinaldi made a motion to create working group to explore alternative revenue ideas. Board Member DePalma seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0, with Board Members Mason-Murphy and Donovan off the dais, and Board Members Taylor and Cottam Sajbel absent. Board Members Rinaldi, Lewis, Farasat and DePalma were named to the working group.

7. Approve Parks and Recreation Board Recommendation 20190625-07 regarding the renaming of the Indiangrass Wildlife Sanctuary to the Louis Rene Barrera Indiangrass Wildlife Sanctuary.

Citizen Communication: Charlton Perry and David Todd spoke in favor of the item.

Board Member DePalma made a motion to approve the renaming of the Indiangrass Wildlife Sanctuary to the Louis Rene Barrera Indiangrass Wildlife Sanctuary. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Farasat. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0, with Board Members Mason-Murphy and Donovan off the dais, and Board Members Taylor and Cottam Sajbel absent.

8. Discussion regarding the staff email in response to the citizen communication about Barton Creek dam safety issues.

Citizen Communication: Joe Riddell spoke in favor of improvement to the grate for the Barton Creek by-pass tunnel.

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Liana Kallivoka, Interim Parks and Recreation Department Director, presented general updates to the Board.

E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Di Carlo requested a list of park amenities for Kendra Page Neighborhood Park, as well as requested a future discussion regarding shade structures for playgrounds.

Board Member DePalma requested a list of park facilities/amenities without signs, as well as a safety/incident report from 2015 to 2019.

Chair Lewis made a motion to cancel the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board scheduled for July 23, 2019. Board Member Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0, with Board Members Mason-Murphy and Donovan off the dais, and Board Members Taylor and Cottam Sajbel absent.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.